

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Isaksson '649 (U.S. Patent No. 6,456,649); rejected claim 11, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable in view of Isaksson '649 and Fitzgerald '006 (European Patent No. 0719006); and rejected claim 12, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable in view of Isaksson '649 and Jones (*Signal Processing for an ADSL Equalizer*). The Examiner also objected to the drawings as lacking indication of claimed features and objected to claim 9 as containing a minor informality.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 13-18 are allowed.

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-18 were pending. In an effort to expedite the successful prosecution of this application, Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 1-12, without prejudice or disclaimer. As such, only allowed claims 13-18 remain in this application of which claim 18 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Applicant submits that the cancellation of claims 1-12 have rendered the §102(a) rejection of claims 1-12 and the objection of claim 9 moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the §102(a) rejections of claims 1-12 and the objection to claim 9.

With respect to the drawings, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner that the claimed "receiver device" and "transmitter device" are not indicated or otherwise represented in the drawings. Specifically, the hub communications transceiver 55 is both described and depicted as comprising, *inter alia*, a transmitter device 56 and a receiver device 58. (*See, e.g.,* Specification: page 4, lines 10-11; FIG. 1). Similarly, the peripheral communication transceiver 65 is both described and depicted as comprising, *inter alia*, transmitter device 56 and a receiver device 58. (*See, e.g.,* Specification: page 5, lines 6-7; FIG. 1). Moreover, embodiments of transmitter device 56 and receiver device 58 are depicted in FIGs. 3 and 4, respectively. (*See also*, Specification: page 7, lines 4-21).

For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the drawings amply depict and describe each and every claimed feature, including the transmitter device **56** and a receiver device **58**, and have, therefore, clearly met the literal requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

With this said, however, Applicant hereby submits a replacement sheet of Figure 1 with the filing of this Amendment that spells out the transmitter device **56** and the receiver device **58** objected to by the Examiner. Applicant has done so, for no other reason other than to expedite the successful prosecution of this application and to ensure the immediate allowance of this application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings, under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

All matters having been addressed, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating allowed claims 13-18.

Applicants' Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

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